

PIETRO MEDURI

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Mr. WALTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 760]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 760) for the relief of Pietro Meduri, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant the status of permanent residence in the United States to Pietro Meduri. The bill provides for an appropriate quota deduction and for the payment of the required visa fee.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The beneficiary of the bill is a 28-year-old native and citizen of Italy who was last admitted to the United States for permanent residence on January 16, 1948. He was in possession of a nonquota immigration visa issued to him as the unmarried minor son of a citizen of the United States. Following his admission it was discovered that he was married in Italy prior to the issuance of the visa and therefore was not entitled to receive a nonquota visa. He came to the United States with his mother and he presently resides with his parents in Paulsboro, N. J. His wife and child reside in Italy, but are expected to immigrate to this country in the near future. The wife's father is a naturalized citizen of this country.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated November 24, 1953, to the then chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Acting Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service with reference to S. 831 which was a bill passed by the Senate in the 83d Congress for the relief of the same alien, reads as follows:

NOVEMBER 24, 1953.

Hon. WILLIAM LANGER,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SENATOR: In response to your request of the Department of Justice for a report relative to the bill (S. 831) for the relief of Pietro Meduri, there is annexed a memorandum of information from the Immigration and Naturalization Service files concerning the beneficiary.

The bill would grant the alien permanent residence in the United States upon payment of the required visa fee and head tax. It would also direct that one number be deducted from the appropriate immigration quota. It should be noted, however, that the Immigration and Nationality Act does not require the payment of a head tax.

The alien is chargeable to the quota of Italy.

Sincerely,

_____, *Acting Commissioner.*

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION
 SERVICE FILES CONCERNING PIETRO MEDURI, BENEFICIARY OF S. 831

Pietro Meduri, a native and citizen of Italy, was born on January 12, 1927. He entered the United States at the port of New York on January 16, 1948, when he was admitted upon presentation of a nonquota immigration visa issued by the American Consul of Palermo, Italy, on October 2, 1947. In the visa it was indicated that he was the unmarried minor son of a citizen of the United States, whereas in fact he was married on May 3, 1947, to a citizen of Italy, and was therefore ineligible for such visa. Deportation proceedings were instituted against the alien on August 31, 1948, on the ground that he was illegally in the United States in that, at the time of his entry, he was not a nonquota immigrant, as specified in the visa in his immigration visa.

At the hearing conducted in connection with the deportation proceedings the alien testified that when he learned that his father had submitted a petition for the issuance of an immigration visa to him he obtained in Italy a free-status certificate which indicated that he was single. He stated that when he applied for the visa at the American consulate in October 1947, he was informed that he would have to bring his free-status certificate up to date. According to the alien the clerk at the consulate did not check the record, but copied from the first free-status certificate and listed him as unmarried. The alien did not call the clerk's attention to the change in his marital status. The record of his admission to the United States also reflects that he was single. A warrant of deportation was issued against the alien on October 18, 1951.

Mr. Meduri resides in Paulsboro, N. J., with his parents. His wife and 6-year-old son reside in Italy. He is employed by the Paulsboro Bottling Co. in Paulsboro, earning \$200 a month. It is claimed that he sends \$40 a month to his wife in Italy.

Mr. Meduri's father originally entered the United States in 1907 and became a naturalized United States citizen on June 27, 1928. He made a number of visits to Italy, the last in 1933, when he remained in that country until October 1946. On his return to the United States in 1946 he was accompanied by his son, Fortunato and his daughter, Lucrezia, who acquired United States citizenship at birth in Italy. The beneficiary was accompanied to the United States in 1948 by his mother.

The following information was submitted by former Senator Robert C. Hendrickson in support of the bill (S. 831). Senator H. Alexander Smith is the author of the instant bill.

UNITED STATES SENATE,
 COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
July 20, 1954.

Hon. WILLIAM LANGER,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

DEAR BILL: It is my desire to direct your attention to S. 831, my bill for the relief of Pietro Meduri, a young man 27 years of age, who came to the United States from Italy in 1947.

This young man, as well as the members of his immediate family are personally known to me. All are fine citizens. It is believed that were it not for a confused

mistake on his part, he would have been properly admitted into this country as a nonquota immigrant.

This measure passed the Senate in the last Congress but was unsuccessful of passage in the House.

It seems to me that because since his entrance into the country and up to the present moment his conduct has been exemplary in every respect and further because of the naturalized status of his own and his wife's family and also because of the imminent arrival of his wife and son from Italy, S. 831 would indeed warrant favorable consideration in both the Senate and the House in the present Congress.

I am herewith enclosing an affidavit sworn and subscribed to by Pietro Meduri on July 19, 1954, which sets forth some material information as to his family background and employment, which I believe will assist our committee in coming to a favorable decision on this measure.

If you desire, and will so advise me, I shall be glad to discuss this bill with you further.

With high regard, I am

Sincerely,

(Signed) Bob.

(Typed) ROBERT C. HENDRICKSON.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

County of Camden, ss:

I, Pietro Meduri, on my oath depose and say as follows:

I am 27 years of age, and reside at 50 Cox Avenue, Paulsboro, N. J.; and that, I was born at Reggio, Calabria, Italy.

My father's name is Antonio Meduri.

My mother's name is Lucy Meduri; and that,

My father became a naturalized citizen of the United States of America in the year 1928, having traveled back and forth between the United States and Italy since the year 1913; and finally remaining here permanently in the year 1946.

My father brought my mother, Lucy Meduri, to this country for permanent residence in the year 1948, and

My brother, Fortunato Meduri, became a naturalized citizen of the United States of America in the year 1948, and

My sister, Laura Meduri, became a naturalized citizen of the United States of America in the year 1948.

My wife's name is Anna Gattuso Meduri.

My wife is 32 years of age.

My son's name is Antonio Meduri.

My son is 7 years of age.

My wife, Anna Gattuso Meduri, and my son, Antonino Meduri, are now in Italy awaiting a call from the American consul advising them that their entry into the United States of America has been approved; and that,

My wife's father's name is Leandro Gattuso.

Leandro Gattuso is a naturalized citizen of the United States of America, being a veteran of the Second World War, serial No. 32271007, private, medical department, station complement, Fort Bragg, N. C.

My wife's mother is dead.

My wife's brother is Anthony Gattuso, and he, Anthony Gattuso, is now serving in the United States Army Air Force, being stationed overseas; and that,

My father-in-law, Leandro Gattuso, applied for residence visa for my wife, Anna Gattuso Meduri, and my son, Antonino Meduri, under date of May 14, 1954; said applications were approved by United States Department of Justice and Immigration and Naturalization Service, Lafayette Building, Philadelphia, Pa. Said visa petition No. 0414947, signed by Karl I. Zimmerman, and that,

I am steadily employed at the Paulsboro Bottling Co., Paulsboro, N. J.

I earn approximately \$80 per week; and that,

I am able to support my wife and son; and that,

I am presently supporting my wife and son in Italy.

PIETRO MEDURI.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 19th day of July 1954.

[SEAL]

RENA B. KIRKBRIDE,
Notary Public for New Jersey.

Mr. Wolverton, of New Jersey, appeared before a subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary and urged favorable consideration of this measure.

Upon consideration of all the facts in this case, the committee is of the opinion that S. 760 should be enacted and accordingly recommends that the bill do pass.

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